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Corruptionist Opposition to Cortelyou.

The Standard Oil and the Harriman gangs of corruptionists and public plunderers are behind all the serious opposition to the confirmation of George B. Cortelyou, as Secretary of the Treasury. Why should these interests oppose this nomination? Plainly because they dread to have an able, honest, energetic man like Cortelyou in office as Secretary of the Treasury to thwart their rascally schemes for a further bleeding of the public. The Standard Oil corporation and the Harriman railroad combination stand today before the public as the chief exponents of the trust evil. They are known to have violated and evaded the laws. It is fully believed that they fear honest prosecution. They want no man in high official position who is beyond the reach of their corrupting influence, and all his record points to George B. Cortelyou as a man who cannot be used for dishonest ends.

Mr. Cortelyou's rise has been remarkable in some respects, but yet not remarkable when his qualities are considered. Chosen because of his peculiar equipment to be secretary to the President, he at once demonstrated an exceptional fitness for that responsible duty. Many of his predecessors had by bumptiousness, self-conceit and tactlessness managed to alienate from the President the press and public men whose support was seriously needed at the White House. Some of these superb-serviceable secretaries had contrived to arouse lasting enmities between public officials. Cortelyou, however, worked good where less capable men had worked ill. He proved to be the most successful occupant of that office since Daniel Lamont, whose services to President Cleveland during his first administration were of great value.

When promoted to be a member of the cabinet Mr. Cortelyou demonstrated that he possessed a high order of executive ability, and his services successively as Secretary of Commerce and Labor and as Postmaster General were of an unusually valuable character. Among all the brains of the present administration he has been drawn around him there is none abler, more honorable, more capable of performing the duties of any cabinet position than George B. Cortelyou.

If the democrats of the Senate seek to manufacture campaign material by opposing the Cortelyou nomination they should pause and reflect before thus playing into the hands of the Standard Oil-Harriman combination, which, after having so long defied the law, is now in its hour of need seeking to defeat the promotion of an incorruptible official to the high position he has earned.

Telephone Troubles.

New York has a new grievance, or rather an old grievance revived. It is complaining of the telephone service. It denounces the corporation that enjoys a monopoly of the field for the laxity of its workers and calls for a change of some sort. Somebody has been keeping tab on the hello girls and has discovered that the average time required to get a reply from central is more than ten seconds. Some of the subscribers assert that during business hours they have to wait from one to five minutes. Imagine a New Yorker having to wait five minutes before he hears the voice of the girl with the ear caps asking, "What number?" It is preposterous. It is dangerous. The death rate is already too high, and yet here is a direct cause of apoplexy in the busy, hourly routine of life. Something has got to be done, as the man said when he reached the top limb of a tall tree with a bear close behind and with no weapon for his defense. The New Yorkers are making a tremendous noise about their troubles. They point to Louisville, where the easy-going, colonels and judges can hear from central in an average of 2.3 seconds. What clever, obliging telephone girls those of Louisville must be, by the way. New York wants to know why it, with ten-elevenths of the world's business on its mind, can not get central as quickly as Louisville. It is a fair question. Meanwhile some Washingtonians would like to know something of the same kind. Why are they snappish off in the middle of a conversation? Why, while they are talking, are their ears bombarded with the rude sounds of opening and closing switches? Why do they so often get the wrong number? Why—why they continue to enumerate? As long as there are telephones and hello girls and exchanges and branches and wires and quick tempers there will be trouble and exasperation. It is inevitable. But, really, New York ought to be answered more quickly over the wire. Even a Philadelphia would have reason to protest against a five-minute wait.

The lawyers engaged in the defense in the case of the Terra Cotta wreck can not be expected to wholly agree with the District Commissioners as to the splendid work done by the coroner's jury.

The courts have granted protection to the slot machines which infest the subway in New York. Broadly considered, the subway is itself a sort of slot machine.

Count Witte is explaining to the Russian populace that he did not accumulate great wealth in the government service. The suspicion of graft is everywhere.

"The Republic is Opportunity."

Again we have striking verification of the fact that "the republic is opportunity." The new senator from Michigan when a lad sold newspapers. Without means or influence, he was confronted with the necessity of making his own way, and he made it. He turned his hand to the thing in reach, seized it, climbed by it, and rising higher and still higher, is now very high up the ladder. Many ambitious and useful men are contented with a seat in the United States Senate. That Mr. Smith will take excellent rank in that body is assured by his success in the House and the display of his talents elsewhere.

The new senator from Kansas when a lad rode race horses at county fairs, and later drove a hack in a Kansas town. He probably applied himself with energy to both callings, plotting his means to victory in the earlier days, and picking up his share of fares in the later. When his ambition awoke he applied himself to the law, obtained his share of business, sought and secured office, and is now a power in politics. He goes to the Senate after a long service in the House, and should be at home in his new office. His Indian blood

adds to the interest of his success. But the Senate made the acquaintance of Indian blood in the veins of John Randolph of Roanoke, or so it is believed at that time. At any rate, as an intellectual "scalper" the cynical Virginian had rare gifts.

The new senator from Colorado comes from the plain people. His father was an immigrant, and began life in America as a peddler with an empty pocket. But industry and ability and economy, as usual, brought for good, and he did not only upon the family fortunes but upon the character of the children; and the sons have greatly increased the store the father started. This son who has gone into politics has reached a high place, and will find in the deliberations of the Senate an opportunity to pass upon many practical questions where his large business experience should shed light, and which is the order of the day, and the man who understands business and can express himself with clearness does not lack for attention, whether in office or out.

It is in this way our institutions have been built up, until they command the wonder and admiration of men. The individual who points upward, like the spout, finds room to grow, and an encouraging atmosphere to strengthen him as he grows. Everywhere are evidences that no field was ever so inviting for the worthy, the capable, and the aspiring as is that described by the boundaries of the United States of America.

Mississippi and Public Ownership.

It looks as if the Mississippi democracy might have the first chance to pass upon the question of the government ownership and operation of railroads. The candidates for the United States Senate are taking opposing sides, and both are outspoken on the subject.

John Sharp Williams was one of the first of the democratic leaders to challenge the proposition Mr. Bryan laid down at the Madison Square Garden. In fact it was rumored at the time that upon discovering Mr. Bryan's bent in advance of the speech, Mr. Williams, who had just landed from a trip abroad, left New York for home without waiting for the great demonstration in Mr. Bryan's honor. At any rate he did not wait, and was prompt with his rejection of the new doctrine after Mr. Bryan had offered it. He stands to his guns, and now insists that the next democratic national convention must vote down government ownership and operation of railroads.

Gov. Vardaman takes the other ground. He says the proposition must not be voted down. He seems to regard it as good democratic doctrine, and says moreover that it has a good temporary use as a club, a big stick, for managing railroad men of the grade and disposition of E. H. Harriman. He commits himself quite as frankly as Mr. Williams, and the issue, so far as Mississippi is concerned, is made up.

And why should not the contest go beyond the senatorship? Why not try the issue in the matter of selecting delegates to the democratic national convention? As Mr. Williams wants government ownership voted down by that body, he should try for a delegation pledged, or favorable, to that end. And the proper thing would be for him to head it. Per contra, as Gov. Vardaman wants the convention to support Mr. Bryan, he should try for a delegation, headed by himself, pledged or favorable to government ownership.

Sooner or later, matters must take this shape generally. Mr. Bryan is not prancing on this subject. He means what he says, and wants his friends to take their stand with him. He means, indeed, that in the end they shall. Nobody in the country, we may be sure, smiles more grimly than he does at the proposition that he be made the democratic leader on somebody else's terms. He is not in the democracy's power. Can it be said today that the democracy is not in his power? Now and then he strikes an attitude and declares very solemnly—almost irreverently—that he who is not for him is against him. Friends and fellow-citizens, Gov. Vardaman is for him.

New.

Chairman New of the republican national committee, after a brief visit to Washington, has left town persuaded that there is nothing in the talk of a meeting of the committee at an early day for the purpose of supplanting him with a man under the influence of a senatorial cabal, and selected with a view of manipulating matters in the presidential field. When the suggestion was thrown out The Star expressed the opinion that such a step would be ill-advised, and therefore was improbable. The committee will meet in this town a year hence to arrange for the party's national convention, and it may be that Mr. New will not be disturbed even then. Why should he be? No other meeting of the committee will follow until convention time, when its success will be chosen and plans prepared for conducting the presidential campaign. Better keep the national committee out of all factionalism.

It does not look as if there were enough in the minority leadership of the House of Representatives to justify the breaking up of any friendships.

Another new electric light has been invented. But inventions in this line, for some reason, never materially decrease the cost of illumination.

Scientists deny that the erratic weather is due to changes in the solar system. The reticence about theorizing on so inviting a topic is remarkable.

Russia is to have some fine new battle-ships, but is not supposed to give any credit whatever in the matter to Japan.

It is hoped that Mr. Tillman has finally succeeded in getting the color-line question to some extent off his mind.

Spelling reform and the income tax continue to be talked about, in spite of the Supreme Court.

Pure food laws have dealt a severe blow to some of the most alluring examples of current fiction.

Recent shortages should point the way to a tremendous boom in the car-building industry.

Roller Skating.
In response to complaints from citizens, the Commissioners are now considering the advisability of promulgating a regulation prohibiting the use of sidewalks by children on roller skates. The purpose of the proposed rule is to prevent these ball-bearing youngsters from interfering with the sidewalk traffic, which is at present somewhat discommoded by their gyrations and unexpected appearance around corners.

The effect of such a regulation would be to drive the skating children into the street. Is this advisable? The damage they are likely to do in the course of their sidewalk skating is slight compared to the risk they themselves will run if they are forced to curb into close range of wheels and hoofs. It is doubtful whether the sidewalk collisions often hurt anything but the tempers and dignity of the victims, and it is better that a few adults should be jarred in their sedate progress than that a single child be hurt.

Roller skating has become so popular that thousands of Washington boys and girls are now whizzing about on wheels. They are growing expert and manage their movements with skill. Most of them prefer the open street, where they have a free swing and can exercise their muscles without restriction. The less experienced and the timid, however, stay on the sidewalks. Many parents have issued peremptory or-

ders to this effect. If the Commissioners now prohibit skating on the sidewalks a large number of children will have to abandon their rollers altogether and will be deprived of a healthful, innocent pleasure. In the last stage of the case such a regulation will cause the exposure to serious injury of those who are least capable of managing themselves on their rollers and therefore most liable to be hurt by wagons.

Despite some of the Congressional disputes that arise, Mr. Bailey of Texas must be tempted to regard Washington as a comparatively quiet place.

The really wise railway official does not trust himself to his own road when he can reach a desired point in a touring car.

A treaty with Santo Domingo should be, in a sense, a polite method of putting it under bonds to keep the peace.

SHOOTING STARS.

Pure Food Troubles.

"Did your discomfort result from eating too much preserved fruit?"
"No, I felt all right until I accidentally read the confessions on the labels."

"Hard times," said Uncle Eben, "is sometimes a real misfortune; an' yuhuh times it's only an imaginary excuse."

The Overworked Thermometer.

De mercury's been rushin'!
Like it never did befo'!
It's got a hot box an' it can't be trusted any mo'.

Her Fear.

"This weather is very uncertain," said the person who makes a specialty of discomfort.
"Yes," answered young Mrs. Torkins; "but I don't mind—not so long as they don't fix up some way for Charley to bet on it."

Encouragement.

"You are in favor of giving new members of Congress more opportunities to make speeches?"
"Certainly," answered Senator Borghum; "the sooner a young man in politics gets over this idea of telling all he knows the better it will be for everybody."

The Billionaire's Advice.

Try to be more thrifty.
Put your cash away.
Nurse your health and save your wealth
For a rainy day.

Times are very shifty;
When the skies are dark
A private car will take your far,
Like Noah in the ark.

Patience and endurance.

These should be your aim;
Save your stocks in great big blocks,
A rake-off from the game.

Look out for insurance.

A railroad likewise get,
And then some day, perhaps we may
Protect you from the wet.

A Patriotic Stand.

From the Army and Navy Journal.

"An Army Boy" writes to us from Washington, D. C., saying: "Having lived in Washington for over two years I have noticed many times in the theaters, parades and other public places the way in which the people of this city respect the national air. 'The Star Spangled Banner.' Often I would be the only person standing up or in any way saluting the air. Being an Army boy, I have been brought up to honor the flag and our national hymn. For instance, one day I visited a certain public place here, and at the close of the performance 'The Star Spangled Banner' was played. Of course I at once came to attention and removed my hat. People began to laugh at me, thinking I must be crazy. In the public schools when the song is played or sung the pupils remain seated. Do you think that is right? I think every American should learn to salute our country's national air, 'The Star Spangled Banner,' and 'long may it wave.' These sentiments do great credit to our young correspondent, and we hope that his example will be contagious."

William Alden Smith.

From the New York Evening Post.

The choice of William Alden Smith as senator from Michigan adds another to the group of vigorous and able men who are gradually dividing attention with the old ruling caste in the Senate. Mr. Smith's promotion is of peculiar interest, because he has been, in more senses than one, a "Muck Rammer of the House." Not "Uncle Joe" himself exemplified in more decided form both the virtues and the faults of that remarkable body. For all his disposition to insurgency, he has had the faculty of voting the sentiment of the mass of his colleagues at critical times more effectively than almost any other member. His speech at the time of the postal scandals, maintaining the honor of the House and incidentally nominating Speaker Cannon for the presidency, is still remembered and ranked with Cannon's own defiance of the Senate in the closing hours of the session before his speakership.

Sounds of the Ball Games.

From the New York Tribune.

Base ball legislators propose a plan for having umpires announce their decisions by signals instead of with their delightfully raucous voices. If the players will hereafter "kick" at them by signals, "rooters" "root" by signals and coaches coach by signals, there will be a great saving of throats and ears, but we suppose the general happiness would be much diminished.

Shame on the Captain.

From the Kansas City Journal.

Capt. Hobson declares that Japan is anxious to bring on a quick war with the United States. Isn't Capt. Hobson guilty of a breach of confidence? Japan certainly didn't expect him to say anything about it.

Hot Air.

From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Washington is demanding 75-cent gas. Her citizens, it would seem, ought to be satisfied with the brand that they get absolutely free of charge at the cost of the rest of the nation.

Passing of the Pass.

From the Chicago Record-Herald.

Even the heroine who by waving her red petticoat saved the fast express from destruction has had to give up her pass. Thus do the sins of the unjust fall upon the just.

The Red-Hot House.

From the Mexican Herald.

There are times when the White House seems to be a fiery furnace seven times heated.

The Real Thing.

From the Chicago Tribune.

At this time of year it is customary to remark that the only really useful peril confronting the country is the Ohio river.

Making Enemies.

From the Atlanta Journal.

It must be confessed that the railroads seem to be waging their war for Mr. Bryan and government ownership.

And Grows Up.

From the Hartford Times.

In Russia a terrorist is born every minute.

Pay!

From the Philadelphia Bulletin.

The United States is rich enough to pay fair salaries to its leading public servants. Failure to do this is discreditable.

Reformers!

From the Detroit News.

The demand for men to clean out the Augean stables sometimes produces a crowd of fellows who try to steal the fork.

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A New List of Specials for Tomorrow.

A sale which will undoubtedly go on record as the paramount Fur Sale of the season is about to be concluded. The eager buyers attending the sale this day (notwithstanding the inclement weather), in response to our announcement of Sunday, prove to us the women of Washington were waiting for such an opportunity as this to buy

Furs at Half, Nearly Half and Less Than Half.

There is only one reason for making an end to it. The goods will not be here much longer. For a few days, then, you have a chance to buy Good Furs cheaper, probably, than any future sale will bring them.

5 Persian Sable Boas, Were \$18.50. Reduced to \$6.95.	3 Genuine Natural Mink Scarfs, fastened with mink head. Were \$30.50. Reduced to \$22.75.	2 Blended Mink Pellerines, Were \$10.00. Reduced to \$4.95.
8 Brown Coney Boas, Were \$3.08. Now \$1.69.	1 Manchuria Sable Scarf, trimmed with heads and tails. Was \$35.00. Reduced to \$19.75.	Manchuria Sable Fancy Scarf, trimmed with heads and tails. Was \$20.50. Reduced to \$14.85.
4 Blended Water Mink Scarfs, Were \$7.08. Now \$3.65.	1 Baum Marten Scarf, trimmed with heads and tails. Was \$37.50. Reduced to \$19.75.	2 Siberian Sable Fancy Scarfs, fastened with fur head. Were \$25.00. Reduced to \$13.95.
2 Manchuria Mink Fancy Scarfs, lined with broad satin. Were \$15.00. Now \$6.95.	2 Baum Marten Fancy Scarfs, trimmed with heads and tails. Was \$20.50. Reduced to \$16.75.	2 Manchuria Sable Scarfs, lined with brown satin. Were \$17.50. Reduced to \$8.95.
1 Isabella Raccoon Scarf, Was \$8.98. Now \$3.95.	1 Siberian Sable Scarf, trimmed with tails. Was \$37.50. Reduced to \$19.75.	3 Genuine Natural Mink Scarfs, lined with broad satin. Were \$22.50. Reduced to \$13.90.
4 Sable Coney Pellerines, Were \$4.08. Reduced to \$1.95.	6 Manchuria Sable Scarfs, trimmed with heads and tails. Were \$25.00. Reduced to \$12.95.	2 Manchuria Sable Scarfs, lined with brown satin. Were \$15.00. Reduced to \$7.95.
1 Siberian Sable Boa, lined with squirrel fur. Was \$10.98. Reduced to \$5.95.	2 Baum Marten Scarfs, trimmed with heads and tails. Were \$22.50. Reduced to \$13.95.	5 Manchuria Mink Scarfs, Were \$10.00. Reduced to \$4.95.
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